GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SEIZURE OF PROPERTY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to enact a law to authorise forfeiture of crime property i.e. property acquired by persons guilty of corruption or other offences; and

(b) if so, the progress therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): The Government has set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri (Justice) V.S. Malimath to consider measures to revamp the Criminal Justice System.The Committee has comprehensive terms of reference which include examination of procedural and penal laws. A holistic view on amendments, including one for forfeiture of crime property, would be taken as soon as the Malimath Committee submits its report.

As regards forfeiture of property of corrupt public servants, acquired through illegal means, provisions already exist under the Prevention of Corruption Ordinance, 1944 in case of conviction by a Court of Law.